

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1795 - HB 1711

April 12, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows a student to be excused from computer instruction if the parent or guardian submits a written statement to the effect that the parent has carefully considered the required instruction and is opposed by reason of conscience to such instruction. In order for a student to be excused from such instruction, the student must perform alternate work by including as electives four semesters in the vocational or business portion of the curriculum section of the rules and regulations of the State Department of Education.

Current law requires students to receive computer instruction *at some time* during their educational career.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumes that this could increase the demands on vocational and business classes depending on the number of students who choose not to take computer instruction. However, such impact is estimated to be not significant.

For information purposes, the Department of Education indicates that all the vocational and business courses have computer related components. Many of the business courses are heavily based on computer use.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

SB 1795 - HB 1711